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RE: U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/717,368
Title: Hemostasis Valve And Method of Using a Hemostasis Valve
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1. Information Disclosure Statement.
2. Form PTO/SB/08A.

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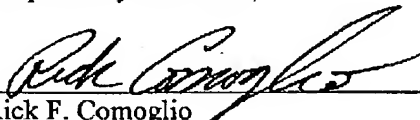
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